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Title : SILVER-BASED POWDER, METHOD OF PREPARATION  
THEREOF, AND CURABLE SILICONE COMPOSITION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT****MAIL STOP PCT****Commissioner for Patents**

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Dear Sir:

In reference to the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment and consider the accompanying remarks prior to examination on the merits. A complete listing of all claims pending in the application is included as required under 37 CFR § 1.121.